(c) The requisite details, to the extent available, is given in the annexed Statement. [*See.* Appendix CLV, Annexure No. 73].

(d) The allowable MAPE on formulations based on Baralgon Ketone was 60% under the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1979. It is 100% under the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1987.

(e) A tentative amount of Rs. 17.46 crores, upto 31-12-1983, was calculated and communicated to the Company on which they made a representation. The same has since been rejected and the Company has been asked to furnish all the requisite details so that liability could be finally settled.

Increase in the prices of medicines upon decontrol

2215. CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn on the news item which appeared in the 'Indian Express' of the 14th August, 1990 captioned "Total Decontrol of drugs ruled out";

(b) whether it is a fact that price decontrol has increased the prices of medicines between 50 per cent to 400 per cent;

(c) whether his Ministry has conducted any study;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof;

(e) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has received suggestions to have discipline on price decontrol medicines;

(f) if so, what is the reaction of his Ministry;

(g) whether it is a fact that production of essential drugs and from basic stages have gone down and production of non-essential drugs and from intermediate stage have gone up; and

(h) what was the production of each monitored and non-monitored drug during the last five years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. There has been some increase in the prices of the decontrolled drugs but Government is keeping a watch and intervenes as and when required.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. Government is monitoring prices of decontrolled formulations. A list of 76 formulations whose prices have been reduced after Government's intervention is annexed [*See* Appendix CLV Annexure No. 74].

(e) Yes, Sir.

(f) Recently, 26 bulk drugs have been brought under price control [*See* Appendix CLV Annexure No. 75].

(g) Production of drugs in the country has registered a growth of 10 per cent per annum. There is no evidence to show that the production of essential drugs from basic stages has gone down.

(h) The production of monitored bulk drugs is published regularly in the Annual Performance Budgets of this Ministry, copies of which are available in the Parliament Library.